

REMARKS

Claims 10-11 and 16 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-2, 4-5, 7-9, 12-13, 15 and 17-19 are canceled. Reconsideration based on the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants gratefully appreciate the Examiner indicating that claims 10, 11 and 16 are allowed.

I. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 12-15 and 17-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,566,367 to Mitsutake et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As discussed above, Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 10, 11 and 16 are allowed. Accordingly, claims 1-2, 4-5, 7-9, 12-13, 15 and 17-19 are canceled. As such, the application is in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §103 is respectfully requested.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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